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25X1 1. Location

The chemical plant of KIROVAKAN (44°28'E/40°49'N), Armenian SSR, is southwest of the railroad station and south of a railroad line.

2. Plant Installations

The chemical plant is composed of the following parts: Plant No. 202, Plant No. 305, the "RMZ" (Remontny Mekhanicheski Zavod), some additional buildings, and the power plant. According to Soviet statements, "RMZ" was previously planned to be a tank repair plant. The development of the nearby chemical plants No. 202 and No. 305 required additional buildings, and the "RMZ" under construction was included in the enlargements of the chemical plant. This plant was completed on schedule by October 1948. All buildings were strong iron structures lined with black and red colored tufaceous limestone. The power plant of the chemical factory was surrounded by an extra fence. A railroad connection was available. (For plant layout see Annex.)

3. Work Force

Eighty Soviets and a hundred PWs were working on the construction of the "RMZ" plant. No details are available on the work force of the plant departments east of the "RMZ".

4. Production

Chemical products, made from lime and coal.

Field Comment:

a. The plant was previously known as MYASNIKAN.

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b. The plant existed before the war with a work force of about 3,000 laborers in 1941. A prewar aerial photograph is attached as Annex 2. The new plant part "RMZ" is west of the chemical plant visible on the aerial photograph.

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- 2 Annexes: 1. Sketch of Chemical Plant in KIROVAKAN
2. Photograph of Chemical Combine in KIROVAKAN

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Attachment I

Legend to Annex 1

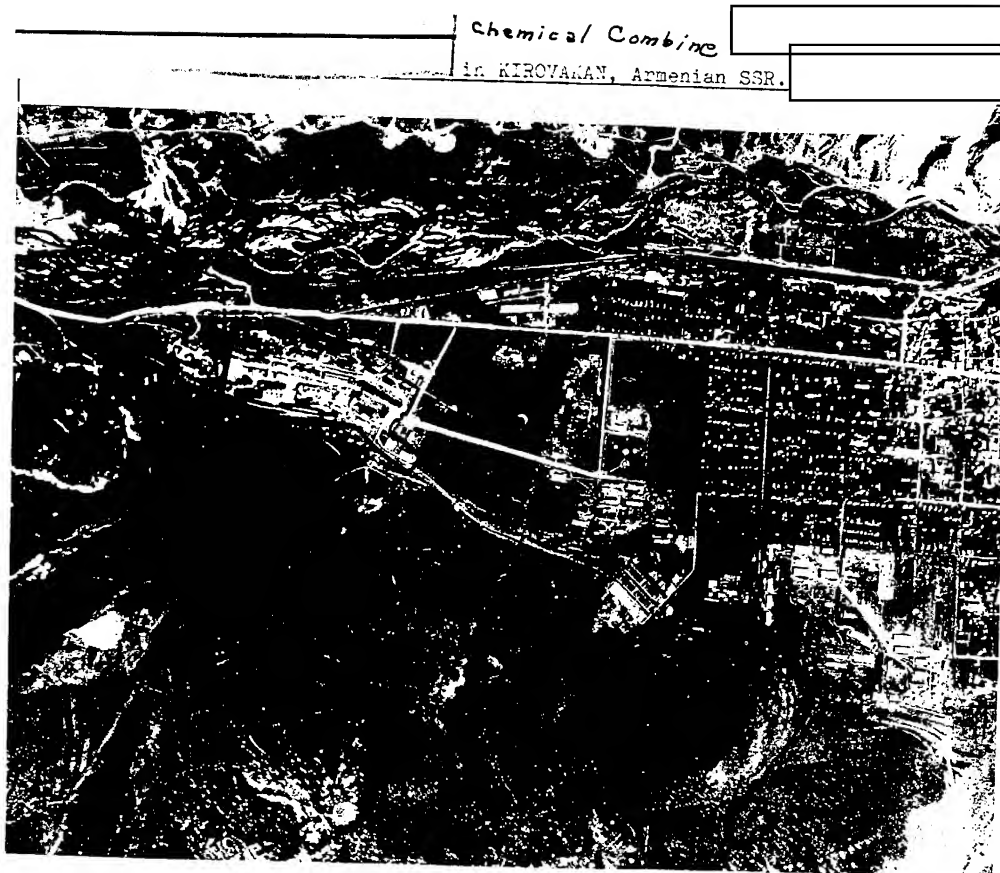
- 1 Coal bunker, 270 x 45 feet, and 10 feet deep, with a rail-road siding over the bunker to dump the coal. A conveyer belt will be constructed at the bottom of the bunker to forward the coal.
- 2 Coal mill, 38 x 65 feet with tower-shaped superstructures. Three Soviet coal grinding machines were installed on the third floor.
- 3 "RAZ" plant (Remontny Mekhanicheski Zavod), 75 x 100 x 50 feet. Coal and stones from the Ararat Mountain will be processed here. The second floor is equipped with two coal dust-fueled boilers, each 25 feet high. Three stone crushers were fitted and the installation of a 30-foot-high furnace was started. The boiler is to process the ground coal together with the pulverized stones. The lower story was equipped with pumps, and there was space left for driving motors and conveyer belts. Pipe lines connected the building with plant No. 202.
- 4 Workshop, 270 x 40 x 20 feet, with large foundations but with the floor still lacking. Purpose of the building was not known.
- 5 Pump house and settling pool, 30 x 35 x 50 feet. Three pipes suspended from the substructure of the conveyer installation lead to plant No. 202.
- 6 Building, the future store and dispatching station for finished products, 270 x 50 feet, just completed, temporarily used as warehouse.
- 7 Chemical plant, 450 x 300 x 15 feet, in operation and strictly guarded. Building with one sheet metal smoke-stack. The laborers only used makeshift masks made of muslin and absorbent cotton.
- 8 Power plant, partially fenced-off
- 9 Automobile repair shop
- 10 Plant No. 202
- 11 Plant No. 305
- 12 Old nitrogen plant
- 13 Lime plant
- 14 Carbide plant
- 15 Kitchen
- 16 Plant building with six large sets of boilers
- 17 Water tower
- 18 Apartment house
- E Flour and grain store
- C PW Camp No. 7115/10

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